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of his country has advised the Soviet Union in confidence that they are not in a position to guarantee the safety of Russian scientists while in the mountain areas on their contemplated inspection tour of Soviet-owned mines. There have been numerous incidents in which Communists and Party sympathizers have lost their lives at the hands of the Goriani.

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- 2. On 2 May, "Goriani" attacked Gara Lubinetz near Harmanli killing several militia and stealing large quantities of food. The bank was also robbed during the attack. On 9 May, "Goriani" and the militia engaged in fighting at Yakoruda near the Greek border. Forty-six Communists and militia lost their lives before the arrival of reinforcements from Gorna Dahumaya.
- 3. On 1 May, 180 men attempted to cross the border near Svilengrad at the point where the Greek-Turkish and Bulgarian borders meet. Eighteen guards were reported killed and 14 men of the escaping group lost their lives in the fight which occurred when the patrol attempted an ambush. Border patrols have been increased in this area.

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